

Independence

April, 2012

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Independence NHP
143 S. Third Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106



Building Hours and Program Times

Independence Visitor Center.....8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Program:

“Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony” weekends at 4:00 p.m.

Liberty Bell Center.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please note - security screening closes 5 minutes before the Liberty Bell Center closes for the evening

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Independence Square (Access to the “Square” is through security located at 5th and Chestnut Streets)

Please note - security screening closes 15 minutes before the buildings on the block close for the evening

Independence Hall (tour tickets required).....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tours are offered every 15 minutes, tickets are required. Free Tickets are available the morning of your visit at the Independence Visitor Center.

Congress Hall.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Great Essentials Exhibit in the West Wing of Independence Hall.....9:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Old City Hall.....11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Carpenters’ Court

America’s National Park Museum Shop.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Carpenters’ Hall.....open Tuesday-Sunday.....10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

New Hall Military Museum.....open Saturday & Sunday.....Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Program:

“Barnacles and Bullets” children’s program; weekends at 2:30 p.m.

Franklin Court

B. Free Franklin Post Office..... open Monday-Saturday.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fragments of Franklin Court.....open Wednesday-Friday.....Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Museum Shop..... open Wednesday-Saturday.....10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Printing Office.....11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Other Park Sites

The City Tavern.....opens at 11:30 a.m.

Declaration House.....open Wednesday-Friday.....Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Free Quaker Meeting House.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

National Constitution Center (fee charged)... open Monday-Friday.....9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

open Saturday.....9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

open Sunday.....Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank...open Wednesday-Sunday.....11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Programs:

“Bank Orientation Tour” Wed-Sun at Noon (20 min)

“Moses Williams: Cutter of Profiles” weekends at 2:00 p.m. (20 min)

“Stories of Struggle” slide show; weekends at 4:00 p.m. (30 min)

The President’s House Site Memorial.....9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Todd and Bishop White Houses.....ask at the IVC for tickets

Other NPS Sites

Deshler-Morris House.....open Friday-Sunday.....10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Edgar Allan Poe NHS.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM.....open Saturday & Sunday.....Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Special Events and Program Descriptions

April 7, 8, 13 (only) at 3:00 - Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S.

Happy Birthday Thomas Jefferson - Join a park ranger as we celebrate Thomas Jefferson's 269th birthday (born April 13, 1743) with a gallery tour and examine his life and legacy. (20 minutes)

April 14, 15 (only) at 3:00 - Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S.

Happy Birthday Charles Willson Peale - Join a park ranger as we celebrate the life and artistry of painter Charles Willson Peale (born April 15, 1741) with a gallery tour of some of his most famous works. (20 minutes)

April 21-29, 2012

National Park Week – ask at the Independence Visitor Center desk for a list of activities on the day of your visit.

April 28, 2012 11:00-4:00 - Independence Visitor Center (outside)

Junior Ranger Day - Meet National Park Service staff and find out what it takes to run Independence National Historical Park. Play games, listen to music, meet people from the past; check your skills to find out if you could pass the test to become a US citizen. Complete the National Park Week Junior Ranger Booklet for a free prize! Fun for all ages! (rain location is inside the building)

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Bank Orientation Tour - Wednesday-Sunday at Noon; Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S. - Meet at the Washington Statue for a tour of some of the notable people in the gallery. (15 minutes)

Moses Williams: Cutter of Profiles - Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00; The Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S. - Hear the amazing story of Moses Williams, who learned to operate the Physiognotrace to earn his freedom and a good living making silhouettes in Peale's Museum. (15 minutes)

Barnacles & Bullets - Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30; New Hall Military Museum - Join a park ranger for a family friendly program about the life of an average soldier or sailor during the American revolution. (15 minutes)

Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony - Saturdays and Sundays at 4:00; Independence Visitor Center – A park ranger conducts a special ceremony for all the children who have completed our Junior Ranger booklet. (10 minutes)

Stories of Struggle - Saturdays and Sundays at 4:00; Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S. - Join a park ranger for a slide program highlighting the stories of the people, places and events surrounding the founding and early years of the United States of America. (30 minutes)

..... *Become a Junior Ranger*

Did you know that Independence National Historical Park, the Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site, the Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial and the Deshler-Morris House (also known as the Germantown White House) all have Junior Ranger programs? Stop by the sites and pick up a free junior ranger publication (at Independence NHP, booklets can be obtained from a park ranger at the information desk at the Independence Visitor Center), complete the publications to earn your free junior ranger badge. If you are visiting on Saturday or Sunday, junior ranger induction ceremonies are held at the Independence Visitor Center at 4:00 p.m.



..... *Accessibility*

There are curb cuts at all street corners, and all major buildings have ramps. Photo albums at the Independence Visitor Center show upper floor views. All films are captioned; many have assisted listening and audio description. To arrange for an ASL interpreter, call (14 days in advance) (215) 597-7130.